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REMARKS

The claims in the application are 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 13-15, 17 and 19.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

It is explicitly stated on page 3 of the Final Office Action Claims 3, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 have been allowed, while Claims 4, 10, 14, 17 and 19 would be allowable if amended into appropriate independent form. Accordingly, Claims 4, 17 and 19 have each been amended into independent form (Claims 10 and 14 respectively depend directly and indirectly from Claim 4). Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 16 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice, with minor corrections of strictly a formal nature being made in allowed Claim 3.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and explicit statements in the Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic one month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed, together with authorization to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account 04-1121.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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